RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): There is no question of abandonment. It is still under consideration.

A. D. Cotton Mills, Quilon.

229. ✻**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of hours worked by the labourers in the A. D. Cotton Mills Ltd., Quilon;

(*b*) the lowest age of the labourers working there; and

(*c*) the daily wages given to the different classes of labourers?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 10 hours 45 minutes by male labourers and 10 hours by female labourers.

(*b*) About 12 years.

(*c*) Men 5 annas to 12 annas; Women 3 annas to 5 annas; Boys and Girls 3 chackrams to 5 chackrams.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): With regard to the answer to part (*c*), may I know the maximum and minimum rates?

PRESIDENT: He has given that in his answer. You may read it once more, Mr. Thommen.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Men 5 As. to 12 As; Women 3 As. to 5 As; Boys and Girls 3 Chs. to 5 Chs.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, Sir, where they got the information from? Is it from the Dewan Peishkar or the proprietors of the Cotton Mills?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): From the District Magistrate.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government consider it necessary to bring the labour law here in conformity with that obtaining in British India?

PRESIDENT: It is a question of future intention.

The Irrigation Division of the P. W. D.

230. ✻**MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to give a statement showing

(*a*) the expenditure to be borne in respect of the Irrigation Division of the Public Works Department during the current year 1109;

(*b*) the work the Division was doing during the current year 1109; and

(*c*) the plan of work proposed for the Division at its inauguration?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Rs. 1,55,189-0-0.

(*b*) The investigation of new works to be executed hereafter, as also the completion of the balance works transferred from the various other Divisions. The estimates pertaining to irrigation works received from other Divisions are also being verified and closed.

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